

# ITALIAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED SULTANIA FORT

## Soldiers Are Landed From Fleet of Bom- barding Warships

# FEW BODIES OF TURKS ARE FOUND

## Rumors of Naval Battle in Mitylene and Blowing Up of Italian Battleship Not Confirmed—Talk of Peace Negotiations.

London, October 5.—The Italian flag floats over Sultania fort at Tripoli, which is occupied by landing parties. Part of the fleet is anchored in the harbor, and the other warships lie a short distance from the dismantled fortifications.

Few bodies of Turks have been found among the ruins of the fort, and apparently no great number of Turks were killed by the bombardment.

According to a Constantinople report, not yet confirmed, the Italian warships to-day bombarded Benghazi and Derna.

Various rumors concerning a naval engagement in Turkish waters, an attack against Mitylene and the blowing up of the Italian battleship Conte-di-Cavour at Tripoli have not been confirmed from any quarter.

An interesting report is current from Constantinople that while Germany favors the adoption of the Italian ultimatum as the basis of peace negotiations, Great Britain proposes that Tripoli shall become a privileged tributary Turkish viceroy under joint Turkish-Italian administration, thus retaining the sovereignty of the Sultan.

# FORCES ARE LANDED

Rome, October 5.—A dispatch from Tripoli says that Italian forces have occupied Sultania fort.

The Giornale d'Italia says that detachments of marines have been landed in Tripoli to protect the consulate, the Italian church and hospital.

# PORT RETURNS FIRE

London, October 5.—The Chronicle's Constantinople dispatch from Tripoli says that Italian warships are bombarding Benghazi and Derna, and that the former is vigorously returning the fire.

# GREECE IS ON ALERT

Athens, October 5.—Besides calling out the reserves in Epirus on October 3, the government proposes to mobilize part of the reserves in Thessaly. The number will be limited to a few thousand—sufficient to protect the coast against any attempted coup on the part of Turkey.

# LANDING ALL ALONG COAST

Malta, October 5.—Fugitives from Tripoli, who arrived to-night, say that parties of Italians are landing all along the coast from Tripoli to Benghazi. It is believed, however, that there will be no landing in force until the main expedition arrives. Small bodies of Arabs skirmished with the landing parties.

# ULTIMATUM WITHDRAWN

Corfu, October 5.—The ultimatum of Vice-Admiral the Duke of the Abruzzi, threatening to bombard Preveza, has been withdrawn.

# DISTRICT ATTORNEY SILENT

New York, October 5.—District Attorney Whitman would neither affirm nor deny to-night a report published here this evening that he had set a trap to catch six members of the State Assembly who, it was charged, had offered to sell their votes in the Gittens racing bill for \$1,000 each.

The Gittens bill repeals the law adding directors of racing organizations personally liable for gambling done on their premises. It does not appear that the racing interests have any knowledge of the alleged negotiations.

Three of the Assemblymen described in the report were said to be Republicans and three Democrats. The reports of these men, according to the story, were offered when a detective in Albany, representing civic associations who had heard that certain members of the Assembly were going to sell their votes, dropped a hint to an Assemblyman that the racing interests were preparing to reward substantially those instrumental in the passing of the Gittens bill. The men are said, according to the report, to have entered into negotiations with alleged representatives of the "racing mafia," but later became alarmed when they apparently heard that the district attorney was setting a trap for them, and declined to consummate the transaction.

# MAYOR RIDDICK IN DEBATE

Argues With John MacVicker on Subject of Commission Government.

Athens, Ga., October 5.—"Home rule to-day" occupied the attention of the delegates to the convention of the League of American Municipalities here to-day, featured by a debate between Mayor J. Q. Riddick, of Norfolk, and John MacVicker, of Des Moines, on the subject of commission government.

The election of officers and selection of the next place of meeting will be reached to-morrow afternoon.

Ship Fire Causes \$50,000 Damage.

New York, October 5.—Fire in the hold of the steamship Tennessee, ready to sail for Brazil, caused damage of about \$50,000 to the vessel and her general cargo. The 140-passenger steamer will be delayed several days until repairs are made.

# REPROVED BY TAFT

## Politician's Political Speech Not Relished by President.

Salt Lake City, Utah, October 5.—President Taft to-day politely but firmly reproved the president of the Young Men's Republican League of Utah, Fred W. Price, when the latter, introducing him to an immense crowd at the State fair, made a bitterly partisan speech. It was as the prospective Republican "candidate for the presidency in 1912 that Mr. Price presented Mr. Taft, "triumphantly elected" and that November next year would find the "Democracy of Utah in its customary place, deep down in the 'slough of despond.'" He introduced the Chief Magistrate of the nation as "Will-Howard Taft, of Ohio."

"I am here," said the President, emphasizing each word significantly, "as President of the United States."

There was a lustrous cheer from the crowd, which was followed by a laugh when Mr. Taft humorously closed the incident by saying: "My friend, the president of the Young Men's Republican League of Utah, is probably a better Republican than he is a prophet."

The President then launched into a discussion of his tariff vetoes, repeating the arguments and explanations he has made at other points during his trip.

To-night Mr. Taft attended a banquet at the Commercial club prior to leaving for Pocatello, Idaho, shortly before midnight. At the banquet he spoke briefly on the trust question and the relation of government to business, following the lines laid down in his Detroit and Waterloo speeches.

In Salt Lake City, at the Mormon tabernacle, where he preached a sermon two years ago, the President to-day greeted the "Old Folks" of Utah, who were being given their semi-annual entertainment.

Mr. Taft spoke to them on the subject of peace treaties with Great Britain and France.

# MORE BODIES FOUND

## Ruins of Flood-Swept Austin Giving Up Their Dead.

Austin, Pa., October 5.—In a day's work of overhauling the wreckage here, due to the breaking of the dam last Saturday night, the rescuers have discovered additional bodies were accounted for to-day. Four complete bodies and the lower limbs of a woman are in the debris, and the bodies of a child and a man are in the debris.

The dead recovered to-day number fifty, with about twenty-five more to be accounted for, according to the census by which the casualties are checked off.

Commissioner of Health Dixon tonight issued a notice from Philadelphia that another step toward the relief of Austin has been taken by the Pennsylvania Railroad, which has sent out a committee to all its representatives and agents to accept and forward without charge all goods ofered them for relief.

The committee also has been directed to see that not only does this refer to food supplies and clothing, but also to the relief of the stricken people, including coal.

Interest centres to-night in the inquiry as to how the situation in the District of Columbia will be handled, thus far declined to disclose whom he thus subpoenaed as witnesses, but to-day asked the Department of Health to retain two bodies for which to hold a post-mortem to-morrow.

# YANCEY IS EXPELLED

## He Is Ousted From Membership in Cotton Exchange.

New Orleans, La., October 5.—W. J. Yancey, formerly a wealthy cotton broker and member of the defunct cotton firm of Knight, Yancey & Co., of New Orleans, Ala., who is adjudged to have defrauded cotton in this country and Europe out of several million dollars, was expelled to-day from the membership of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange. Notice of Yancey's expulsion was posted on the floor of the exchange.

The alleged irregularities of the firm of Knight, Yancey & Co. came to light a little more than a year ago, and a few several members of the firm and others connected with the alleged frauds are awaiting trial for the violation of the postal laws. The notice states that Yancey was guilty of the violation of article 8 of the constitution of the exchange, which provides that no member shall be expelled on charge which the expulsion was based upon was not given.

# FURTHER PRESENTMENTS

## Returned by Grand Jury Investigating Fraud in Bonds in Tennessee.

Baltimore, Md., October 5.—The grand jury which is investigating alleged frauds in the counting of Democratic ballots cast in this city in the recent election, returned to-day returned presentments against eighteen election officials, equally divided as to party affiliations. A recount of ballots to-day is to be held, at which these officials presided in under oath to have shown considerable gains for the candidates supported by the organization.

Of the 142 precincts thus far investigated, it has been found by the grand jury that fraud was committed in nineteen. The number of officials against whom presentments have been returned since the investigation began is 114.

# IN BEHALF OF CADETS

## Southern Senators Will Work for Their Reinstatement.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, D. C., October 5.—It is understood here to-day that immediate action is being taken by the Senate to reinstate the expelled Southern Senators from Virginia, Florida, South Carolina and Georgia. The Senate will act on the matter to-day.

Senator Tamm, of Virginia, of Virginia, who recently was dismissed without a trial, is expected to be reinstated. A strong appeal for clemency, it is understood, will be put forth by the Southern Senators for the reinstatement of the cadets.

They are said to have had liquor in their possession at the recent encampment.

# MOTORIST SUSPECTED OF KIDNAPPING

## Daughter of John F. Gray, a Well-Known Farmer, Reported Missing.

Washington, D. C., October 5.—It is understood here to-day that the daughter of John F. Gray, a well-known farmer of Franklin, Va., was sought to-day by bands of men with dogs, following her sudden disappearance last night from the yard of her home. The driver of a Gray racing car which stopped for a moment before the house is suspected of having kidnapped the child, who is noted for her beauty.

# RACING BALLOONS OFF TO GOOD START

## They Sail Away Before Favorable Twenty- Mile Breeze.

# EIGHT ENTRANTS IN CONTESTS

## Long Flights Are Predicted, and Record of 1,171.9 Miles Estab- lished Last Year by Amer- ica II. May Be Broken—All Expect to Cross Cana- dian Border.

Kansas City, Mo., October 5.—Before a favorable twenty-mile wind from the south and southeast, eight racing balloons sailed away from here to-day in contests for the James Gordon Bennett trophy and the Lahm cup.

Six of the air craft, three representing the United States, two Germany and one France, are entered in the Bennett race, an annual international event. The three American balloons in this contest and two other American balloons are after the Lahm cup. A ninth balloon, which acted as pilot in the international race, attempted to break the altitude record. Every balloon got away to a good start.

Long Flights Predicted.

All of the aeronauts were pleased with the starting conditions, and predicted long flights. One or two were willing to predict that the record of 1,171.9 miles established by the America II last year, would be broken.

All the racing balloonists said that they expected to cross the Canadian border. The balloons left in the following order:

Trying for Altitude.

The pilot balloon Pennsylvania, Arthur T. Atherholt, pilot, E. R. Honeywell, aide, sailed away at 5:13 P. M., traveling rapidly in a northerly direction. The balloon was used to compete for the Lahm cup, but will try for the altitude record now held by Pilot Atherholt.

The Conder, flying the French flag, left the ground at 5:35 P. M. This was the first official balloon to start in the race for the James Gordon Bennett cup.

The balloon America II, got away at 5:42 P. M., and followed the others, going northwest. Pilot, William F. Asman, aide, J. C. Hubert.

Rising from the ground at 5:53 P. M., the Berlin II sailed away. Pilot, Lieutenant Leopold Vogt; aide, Lieutenant Martin Schoeller.

At 5:56 P. M. the Million Population Club, John Berry, pilot; Paul McCullough, aide, rose to a great height and started northwest.

The balloon Buckeye, Lieutenant F. P. Lahm, pilot; J. H. Wade, Jr., aide, ascended at 6:01 P. M., and went straight north.

The German balloon Berlin II, ascended at 5:11 P. M. This was the last of the entrants for the James Gordon Bennett cup to leave the ground. Lieutenant Hans Gerike, pilot; F. O. Duncker, aide.

The first entrant for the Lahm cup, the Kansas City II, ascended at 5:18 P. M. Captain H. E. Honeywell, pilot; John Watts, aide. The balloon started due north.

Getting a fine start, the balloon Tokpe II, ascended at 6:20 P. M. Like its competitor for the Lahm cup, it sailed in a northerly direction. Pilot, Frank M. Jacobs, aide, W. W. Webb.

About 25,000 persons were on the balloon grounds, and were watching the race on the south side of the Missouri River north of the business center of the city.

May Retain Trophy.

If an American wins this race the Bennett trophy will become the permanent property of the Aero Club of America. The trophy has been won three successive times by Americans.

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# BEER AND CIGARS COST HIM \$30,000

## One Item in Campaign Expenses of Sena- tor Stephenson.

# MONEY ALWAYS FORTHCOMING

## But Even Candidate Grew Alarmed at Enormity of Ex- penditures and Announced That He Wanted to Win Nomination, Not Buy It. Important Ruling.

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# BISHOP BLANKFUL FOR PRAYING JURY

## Refers to Men Who Con- victed Beattie of Wife-Murder.

# COMMENDS STAND THEY HAVE TAKEN

## Hendrix Glad They Have Re- fused to Recommend Com- mutation From Death Sentence, and That There Is Place Where Women Do Not Attend Such Trials.

Toronto, October 5.—The principal subject of discussion to-day's session of the Ecumenical Methodist Conference, which delegates from all quarters of the world are attending, was the decrease in membership of the church, which, it was revealed in the reports submitted, has taken place the world over during the last decade.

The western section, comprising the Methodist churches in the United States, Canada and Japan, reported during that period a loss in net membership increase, while the eastern section, covering the churches in Great Britain, Ireland, France, South Africa, Australia and the mission field, shared an absolute loss in membership.

In the western section the increase in membership in the decade ending 1891 was 1,251,209, while in the last decade it was only 147,962, the latter increase being but 15 per cent. as contrasted with the former of 33 per cent. This, according to H. K. Carroll, of New York, secretary of that section, was due to a decrease in earnestness.

Notable Decrease.

In Great Britain, according to the Rev. Simpson Johnson, of London, secretary of the Westminster Methodist Conference, the various Methodist bodies gained about 150,000 members during the last ten years, but in the last decade there was a notable decrease, attributable, he thought, to "conditions outside the church and a weakening of forces to meet changed social conditions."

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# EDDY CASE POSTPONED

## No More Depositions Will Be Taken Until January 7.

Concord, N. H., October 5.—After former United States Senator Wm. E. Chandler had been examined further to-day in the taking of his deposition in connection with the litigation over the will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, it was announced that by agreement of counsel, that the taking of any further depositions had been postponed until January 7, 1912. The time of filing briefs and holding hearings before the Supreme Court on questions of law in the case was put forward for one month.

Mr. Chandler, continuing his deposition, said that in his judgment conditions had arisen which fully justified Mary Baker G. Eddy's heirs in questioning her residuary bequest to the Mother Church of the Christian Science faith. He made no mental reservations in connection with the family settlement of 1909, he said. He understood, the under its terms, Eddy's heirs could question no legal disposition of her property. He did not understand that they were forced to acquiesce in an illegal disposition of it.

# RUNS INTO WRECK

## New York Day Express Has Narrow Escape From Disaster.

Harrisburg, Pa., October 5.—The New York day express on the Pennsylvania Railroad ran into a freight wreck at Ryde, seventy-seven miles west of here, this afternoon, but as the train was running slowly no one was injured. A freight train running east, was wrecked just as the express, also running east, was passing it. The locomotive and first four cars of the express were caught in the wreckage, but were not derailed. They were so tightly wedged that it was impossible to move them, and all passengers were transferred to an express train which was running behind the New York express and was switched to another track. Traffic on the wrecked tracks was delayed several hours.

# IOWAN WINS OFFICE

## His Friendship for Taft Gets Him No Votes.

Indianapolis, Ind., October 5.—The National League of Postmasters to-day elected Charles O. Barry, of Walker, Ia., president over J. S. McKinley, of Orient, O.

Barry, a supporter of McKinley, had declared that "McKinley and Taft are good friends and this would be worth much to us."

"It comes to politics," retorted an Iowa postmaster, advocating the election of Barry. "Mr. Taft will need a whole lot more votes in Iowa than in Ohio."

Other officers elected are: First Vice-President, Jay Ames, Sterling, Mich.; Secretary, C. C. Young, Oakwood, Ill.; Treasurer, H. H. Leacock, Keene, Tex.

# BURLEY POOL ASSURED

## James B. Haggins Puts His Name to Contract.

Lexington, Ky., October 5.—The formation of a ten-year Burley tobacco pool, which would guarantee a great co-operative factory here for the manufacture of Burley pooled to-bacco, was finally assured to-day, when James B. Haggins, president of the pool, signed a contract to pool his crop and became one of the leading stockholders in the manufacturing operation. Haggins annually produces the largest Burley crop in the world, and his connection with the pool assures its success, it is said.

The enterprise is to be capitalized at \$5,000,000.

# LAUDS AMERICAN REPORTERS

## Baron Rosen Says He Has Never Been Misquoted in This Country.

New York, October 5.—A remarkable tribute was paid to the American newspaper man by Baron Rosen, the former ambassador from Russia, in sailing for Russia to-day to become a member of the council of the empire.

"I am going home as a politician," said the baron. "I want to say that in all the thirty-five years I have been connected with public life in America, I have never been misquoted by an American reporter."

# OLD SOLDIERS KILLED

## Believed to Have Been Murdered for Their Pensions.